

PREPARING OUR CHILDREN TO LEARN

CSECCS Steering
Committee Meeting

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AGENDA

- ✓ Introductions
- ✓ Focus of the Day
- ✓ Briefing:
CSECCS Project & Systems Integration
- ✓ Identification:
Strengths of Current Systems & Needs
- ✓ Lunch
- ✓ Adopting a Vision, Mission & Guiding Principles for CSECCS
- ✓ Setting goals for CSECCS
- ✓ Where do we go from here?
- ✓ Evaluation of the

BRIEFING ON CSECCS EFFORT



- ✓ What is SECCS?
- ✓ What is current CSECCS effort?
- ✓ What was learned from focus groups & interviews?
- ✓ What was learned from National efforts?
- ✓ What data sources are available to inform effort?
- ✓ Update on California First Five Commission?

SECCS: A PARTNERSHIP...

- **California State Department of Health**
Maternal Child Health Branch
- **University of California at San Francisco**
Family Health Nursing Department

- **With support from**
 - Health Resources & Services Administration
 - Maternal Child Health Bureau



SECCS INITIATIVE:

➤ Planning Phase

- ✓ Two years possibly longer for some grantees
- ✓ \$100,000 per year

➤ Implementation Phase

- ✓ Multi-year (at least 3 years)





MCHB STRATEGIC PLAN VISION

To bridge gaps created by multiple, non-integrated funding streams launched in support of early childhood, a framework needs to be established fostering early childhood systems *integration* at Federal, State & community levels.

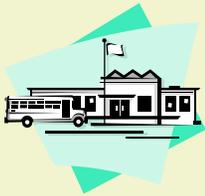
THE CURRENT SYSTEM

Take a look at how a family in Los Angeles County is impacted by multiple services



AGENCIES - PROGRAMS & SERVICES

Education



- Public Schools
- ESEA, Title I
- School Lunch & Breakfast
- Head Start
- IDEA
- After-School Programs
- Textbook Funding
- Tests & Achievement
- Teacher Issues
- GED

Health & Food



- Medi-Cal – EPSDT
- Healthy Families Parent Expansion
- Child Health & Disability Program
- Expanded Access Primary Care
- Trauma Case Funding
- Co-payments for ER Services
- Child Lead Poisoning Prevention Program
- HIV/AIDS Prevention & Education
- Breast Cancer Screening
- Food Stamps
- WIC

Social Services



- TANF
- GAIN, CAL Learn, Cal WORKS, etc.

Child & Family Services



- Child Care – CCDBG, SSBG, Cal WORKS Child Care, etc.
- After-School Programs – 21st Century Learning Centers, etc.
- Promoting Safe & Stable Families
- Child abuse & Neglect Programs
- Foster Care – Transition, Independent Living, Housing, etc.
- Adoption Assistance, Adoption Opportunities

Mental Health & Probation



- School-Based MH Services for Medi-Cal Kids
- Probation Officers in Schools
- Cardenas-Schiff Legislation
- Health Care Through Probation
- Mental Health Evaluations
- Juvenile Halls

Which Agencies Could Help This Family?



Mom



Dad



9 year old



5 year old



Baby 1 1/2



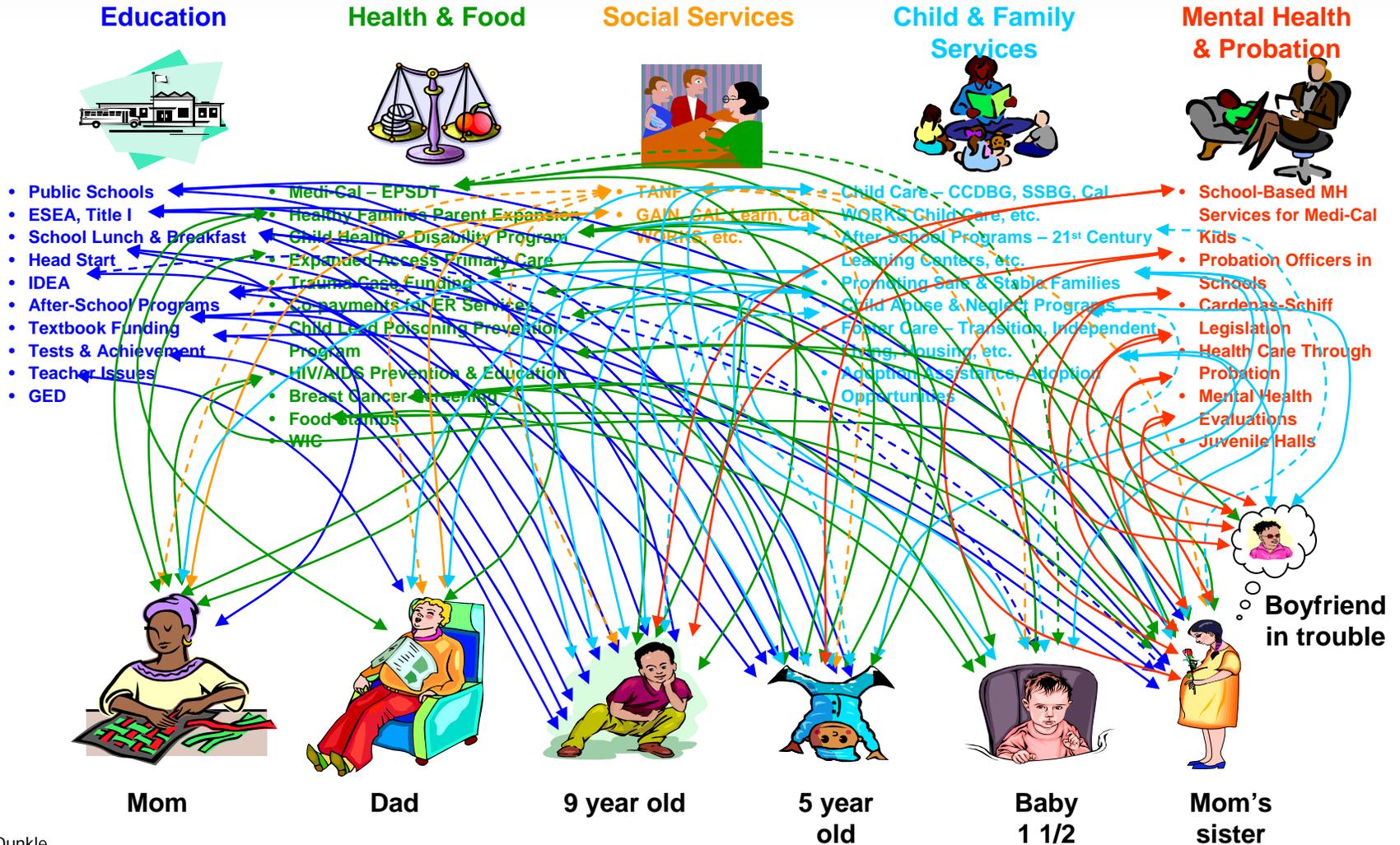
Mom's sister



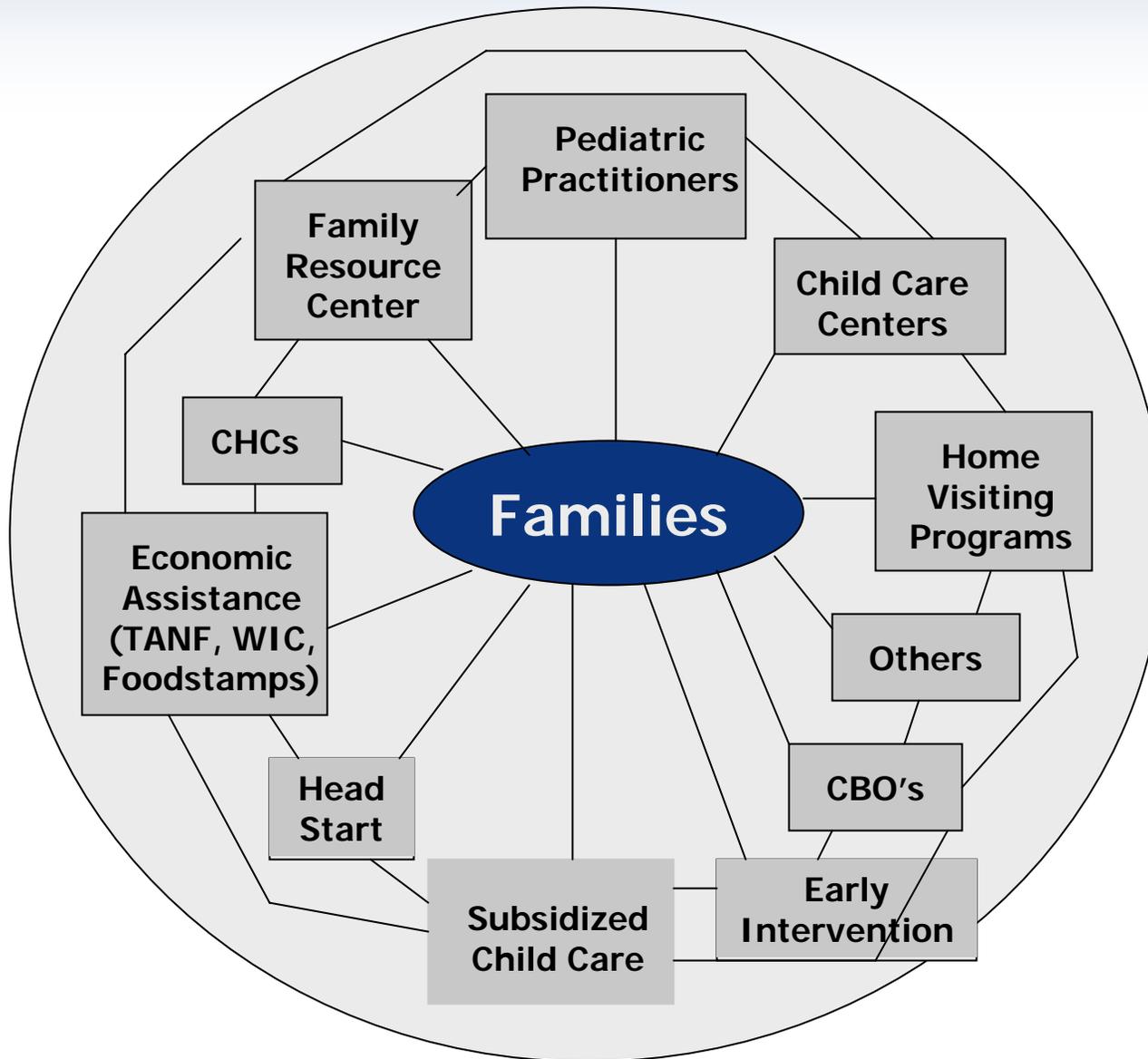
Boyfriend in trouble

Understanding LA Systems That Affect Families

A Look at How 40+ Programs Might Touch One Los Angeles Family



A Vision for a Coordinated Early Childhood System



Needed Information, Resources & Services



PURPOSE OF ECCS

To support State Maternal & Child Health (Title V) Agencies partners to develop a more comprehensive early childhood system.

GOAL OF ECCS

The implementation of collaborations & partnerships that support families & communities in their development of children that are healthy & ready to learn at school entry.

CURRENT CSECCS EFFORT

- Began June 2004
- Needs assessment: Interviews & Focus Groups
- Monthly E-mail updates, website & brochure
- Participated in National Conference
- Establishment of Steering Committee
- Delphi Study
- Collection of data sets
- Developing Environmental Scan





INTERVIEW THEMES

FUNDING STREAMS

- Centralize contracting & administration toward increased efficiencies
- Remove silos of funding
- State law, before funding require:
 - Sharing of data
 - Conduct joint training
 - Collaborate with others



INTERVIEW THEMES

DATA COLLECTION

- Single state system, electronic, universal data base
- Analysis of state confidentiality laws to better facilitate sharing of information



INTERVIEW THEMES

POLICY CHANGES

- Need state policy change & seed change at local level
- Need to invite others to table: education, housing prisons, social services, health insurance community
- Need to look at contributors to outcomes (e.g., poverty, lack of housing, social determinants)



INTERVIEW THEMES

INTEGRATION OF SERVICES

- Single point of entry
- Multidisciplinary Medical teams with point person who brings in specialists & coordinates for family
- Joint assessment center with hospital medical team, CCS, Regional Center
- Establishing trust = biggest issue

FOCUS GROUPS

- ✓ I CARE-*Los Angeles*
- ✓ Medi-Cal Managed Care Directors
- ✓ First 5 Executive Directors
- ✓ CDE Head Start Collaborative
- ✓ Kern County Network for Children
- ✓ Parents Anonymous-*Bakersfield*
- ✓ Children's Roundtable-*Sacramento*
- ✓ Local Child Care Planning Council-*Los Angeles*
- ✓ First 5-*San Benito*
- ✓ California Head Start

FUTURE FOCUS GROUPS SCHEDULED

- Amador County Child Care Planning Council
- Sonoma County Integrated Services Project
- Interagency Coordinating Council
- Infant Development Association
- Santa Clara First 5





YOUR THOUGHTS???

- If you could make one change regarding how information or services are provided to California families ages 0 – 5, what would that change be?
- If you could make one change regarding how the different agencies & organizations who serve children ages 0 – 5 work together, what would that change be?
- Please name the top 5 most requested services & prioritize with “1” being the most requested.

FOCUS GROUP THEMES

Changes in how information/services provided

- Single point of entry; Family Resource Centers
- Co-location of services; multidisciplinary teams
- Universal forms (common intake forms)
- Central Clearing House; #211
- Cultural competence to access information
- Effective media campaign make information common knowledge; outreach
- Use business plan approach
- Integrated funding

CHANGES IN AGENCY INTERACTION

- Collaboration that supercedes categorical funding & eligibility
- Paid time for collaboration & coordination of services
- Regional Centers, mental health & early education meet together with families to plan treatment & coordinate services as a team
- One set of common policies for all agencies

CHANGES IN AGENCY INTERACTION

- One administrative (super) agency to coordinate care/outcomes & determine funding allocations
- More flexibility in funding streams
- Uniform policies
- Networking on computer – sharing client information
- Centralized intake system; universal & accessible application



TOP 5 NEEDS

- Health Care & Mental Health
- Transportation
- Employment
- Child Care
- Basic Needs including Housing





EXCITING NEWS FROM NATIONAL MEETING

- Universal application form has been adopted in at least 3 states
- Community Conversations in Michigan using web to generate input
- American Academy of Pediatrics promoting Medical Homes
- New Jersey – legislating Child Care Health Consultants in centers
- Illinois added case management to WIC resulting in decrease in infant mortality



REQUIRED CONTENT OF SECCS PLAN

- Specific goals & timed framed objectives
- Vision & mission statement
- Completion of needs assessment & environmental scan
- Evidence of involvement of families & local communities
- Core set of early childhood indicators that includes measures to assess effectiveness of performance of early childhood system



REQUIRED CONTENT OF SECCS PLAN

- Evidence of partnerships including specific resource commitments
- Description of how best practices in areas of system building, early childhood interventions & program/service integrations will be implemented as part of plan
- Identification & description of MCH capacity to address 5 components including financial resources

DELPHI STUDY

- Tool to identify future trends in system integration
- Delphi field tested with 3 individuals
- Three rounds of Delphi done by e-mail to Steering Committee members
- 54 Trends, changes, actions identified
- To be used as starting point for strategic planning process

American Academy of Pediatrics:

“Steps towards Early Education & Child Care”

The Pediatrician's Role in Promoting Health & Safety in Child Care

a blueprint for pediatricians to improve quality of care & strategies, activities & resources that can be used in everyday practice



National Governors Association (NGA) Task Force on School Readiness FINAL Report

- Building the Foundation for Bright Futures
 - Released January 25, 2005
 - Assist governors & other state policymakers in implementing policies & strategies to support early childhood programs in their states.
- Recommendations to support adults who care for children & coordinated systems that support them
- Promote "Ready States, Ready Schools, Ready Communities, Ready Families and Ready Children"

CURRENT DATA COLLECTION

- Gathered current documents on data related to children & families
- Need to determine most effective way to compile & display for Steering Committee members
- Create environmental scan & gap analysis
- Explore mapping of data



Preparing our Children to Learn:

Report of the Select Committee on California Children's School Readiness and
Health

2002 Agenda for Action

- 7 specific areas of recommendations:
 - ✓ Seamless Services for Children & Families
 - ✓ Physical Health
 - ✓ Dental Health
 - ✓ Improving Access to Health Care & Coverage
 - ✓ Mental & Emotional Health
 - ✓ Early Childhood Assessments
 - ✓ Nutrition

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Establish California Department of Children's Services
2. Allow for more flexible & blended use of government funding
3. Develop "one-stop" family resource centers in accessible, community friendly locations with "no wrong door" policy



RECOMMENDATIONS

4. Create incentives & funding sources to utilize existing infrastructure to establish school & community based family resource centers.

5. Expand Head Start Programs & other programs that serve children under 5
 - Include comprehensive developmental services for 3 & 4 year olds, as well as education, health, mental health, nutrition services & parent involvement programs.



TITLE V FIVE YEAR NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Preliminary analysis:

- Child overweight & nutrition/physical activity
- Prenatal care
- Access to care & health insurance
- Perinatal substance abuse
- Injury & violence prevention
- Oral health
- Teen pregnancy
- Mental health
- Breastfeeding
- Low birth weight



OTHER EXAMPLES OF DATA SETS

- Kids Count
- Los Angeles County Children's Budget
- Zero to Three American Baby Book
- California dental health data
- Child Trends 2004
- Children Can't Wait
- Resource & Referral yearly update
- First 5 data
- PACE work on child poverty & maps



Coming together is a
beginning; keeping
together is progress;
working together is
success.

Henry Ford

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